

Date: August 24, 2005
Subject: Reports for the Proceedings of the 2005 Pierce's Disease Research Symposium
To: Investigators Conducting Research on Pierce's Disease and the Glassy-winged Sharpshooter

The annual Pierce's Disease Research Symposium will be held on December 5-7, 2005, in San Diego. In preparation for this event, we are preparing a publication (Proceedings) that will consist of reports on research projects being conducted on Pierce's disease and/or the glassy-winged sharpshooter. As in prior years, the Proceedings will be handed out at the Symposium. We are also planning on posting it on our website at least one week before the Symposium.

Please submit your reports for the Proceedings by September 30, 2005. This deadline will enable us to meet our production schedule for the Proceedings. Please send the reports to me via e-mail at atarig@cdfa.ca.gov, as an attachment in Microsoft Word. If possible, please also send along a pdf file of the same report, in case we need to check the formatting and content of the MS Word file.

Please use Times New Roman, 10-point font for your reports and limit your reports to no more than four pages total. The reports should include the following information/sections:

1. Names and affiliations of project leaders and cooperators. (If there are multiple project leaders, please indicate in your e-mail the order in which they should be listed.)
2. Reporting Period. [This section should be constructed to read as follows: "The results reported here are from work conducted (date) to (date)."]
3. Abstract.
4. Introduction.
5. Objectives.
6. Results. (Please focus on results rather than procedures).
7. Conclusions. (Summarize the research findings describing how these findings will help solve the PD/GWSS problem).
8. References. [This year we would like to standardize how references are cited, so please check and follow the guidelines for references that are posted at the Entomological Society of America's website (<http://www.entsoc.org/Pubs/Publish/Style/index.htm>).]
9. Funding Agencies. (Please make sure that funding agencies are properly identified. This section should be constructed to read as follows: "Funding for this project was provided by")

Examples of reports presented in the proper format can be found in the Proceedings from last year's Symposium. It is available online via the following link: <http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/phpps/pdcp/ResearchSymposium/gw2004symp.htm>.

This year, the Symposium sessions, the Proceedings, and the posters will be arranged into the following topic areas:

- Crop Biology & Disease Epidemiology
- Pathogen Biology & Ecology
- Pathogen & Disease Management
- Vector Biology & Ecology
- Vector Management

When you send in your reports, please indicate into which of these topic areas your report should be placed.

Posters: In addition to the reports for the Proceedings, researchers are requested to prepare and bring to the Symposium posters summarizing the most important aspects of their research projects. More information on posters will be provided later.

Please feel free to contact me by phone if you have any questions. Thank you very much for your ongoing efforts. We look forward to seeing you at the Symposium!

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